

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A siRNA which inhibits expression of SIRT1 in a cell  
which siRNA comprises the sequence

5'      acuuugcuguaacccuquatt 3' (SEQ ID NO: 11)  
3'      ttugaaacgacauugggacau 5' (SEQ ID NO: 12),

wherein said siRNA is between 19 and 22 bp in length.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A siRNA according to claim ~~[[18]]~~16 which is 19bp in  
length.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a siRNA according to  
claim 16 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claims 22-26. (Canceled)